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REF A. NPIC 7363 (19 SEPTEMBER 1969)

B. NPIC 7921 (4 FEBRUARY 1970)

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1. ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY DATED [] REVEALS THAT THE ROAD IDENTIFIED IN REF A WHICH EXTENDS WEST FROM ROUTE 61 AT UH656189 IS NOW MOTORABLE FOR A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 7.5 NM TO UH523164. A TRAIL CONTINUES FROM THIS POINT TO APPROXIMATELY UH483187 WHERE IT JUNCTIONS WITH THE TRAIL SYSTEM SHOWN ON MAPS AS LAOTIAN ROUTE 6. PHOTO REF: []

2. A FOURTH NEW SEGMENT OF BYPASS ROAD IN THE BAN KARAI, LAOS AREA, APPROXIMATELY 2 NM IN LENGTH, JUNCTIONS WITH AN EXISTING BYPASS ROAD TO XE234104, CURVES GENERALLY NORTHWEST TO XE221123, EXTENDS NORTH TO XE221129 AND THEN CURVES SOUTHEAST TO XE230124. THIS ROAD SEGMENT IS MOTORABLE TO AT LEAST THIS POINT. SERVICEABILITY THEN BECOMES QUESTIONABLE AS THE ROAD DISAPPEARS UNDER HEAVY TREE CANOPY. THE TWO BYPASS ROADS IDENTIFIED IN REF B ARE NOW MOTORABLE.

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